

NEWS AND CHAT FROM THE LEADING CAPITALS OF EUROPE

BRITONS RECEIVE RED CORDIALLY

Thirty-first in Distinguished Line of Diplomats.

RECEPTION OF KING ALFONSO

Conjecture Still Rife as to Real Purpose of His Visit to England.

LONDON, June 24.—The new American ambassador has presented his letters and has been most cordially received by both King and people. The list of legates from the United States, now thirty-one in number, contains some of the most distinguished names in America, and many who subsequently became Presidents.

John Quincy Adams and James Monroe are among the number, and Bancroft, Motley, and Oliver Russell, Lowell, Bayard, and John Hay, men who have all won renown in literature, and the name of Whitelaw Reid is now added to the list. He is no stranger in England, for he was with us during the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria, and again at the coronation of the present King, and we do not readily forget the impression which his dignified presence made upon us.

He has taken as his home in London by far the most beautiful and artistic in the city. It is the great corner house in Park Lane known as Dorchester House, and belongs to Mr. Holford, who has never been persuaded to let it save once before.

Like Italian Palace.

I know that house well, and it ranks with some of the finest Italian palaces. The marble staircase is perfect in proportion and design, and the great rooms which run round the gallery are filled with fine examples of Italian masters hanging on walls covered with ancient damask. The rooms are of dignified proportions, with beautiful chimney pieces of the Renaissance period.

It has been a regret to many that this magnificent house has so long been closed, and there will be much rejoicing that it will be once more used for social purposes.

Nothing could have been more unfortunate than the downpour of rain which greeted the King who came to us, but who has now returned to the sunny south.

London looked its gloomiest wrapped in gray and paved with mud, when the young King of Spain passed through the streets. The decorations, which should have been beautiful, were dripping and discolored, and it required the spirit of a boy of nineteen to look so happy and cheerful as did King Alfonso as he drove through the deluge of water.

He had already won the hearts of the English people by his bravery in Paris and the calmness with which he had met his baptism of fire. An unending interest centered round this royal visitor—the youngest monarch in Europe and the child who was born a King. The Queen Mother brought him up in the most admirable way, although she recognized the great difficulty of rearing a boy who occupied the throne from his birth.

At Age of Seven.

For the first seven years the Queen had the child under her entire control, and his early lessons were given to him by an English governess, but at the age of seven he passed under the dominion of men who carried out a system of serious education until the age of sixteen, when, according to Spanish law, he attained his majority, and since the day on which he took the oath of fidelity (for the Spanish monarchs are not crowned) a load of care has rested on his young shoulders, but he has shown himself to be no figurehead, and insists on understanding every measure passed by the cortes, for he takes a most intelligent interest in the affairs of his kingdom.

He has from childhood been soldierly instincts, and dearly loved as a recreation to drill a boy regiment specially raised for him. He is particularly devoted to his mother, and never a day passes that he does not send her a letter.

Such was the youth who sprang from the railway car before it stopped, to greet the King, and some stopped, as depicted on the faces of the solemn officials who witnessed the effusion with which the boy met the elder monarch. This is the King's first journey beyond his own dominions, save a short visit he recently paid to Portugal.

To Find a Wife.

All the world here is busy in endeavoring to find a reason for his journey, and many say he has come to find a wife among the English princesses, and the name of Princess Patricia of Connaught, has been linked with his. However that may be, his welcome to England could not have been more cordial, and he won golden opinions during his stay.

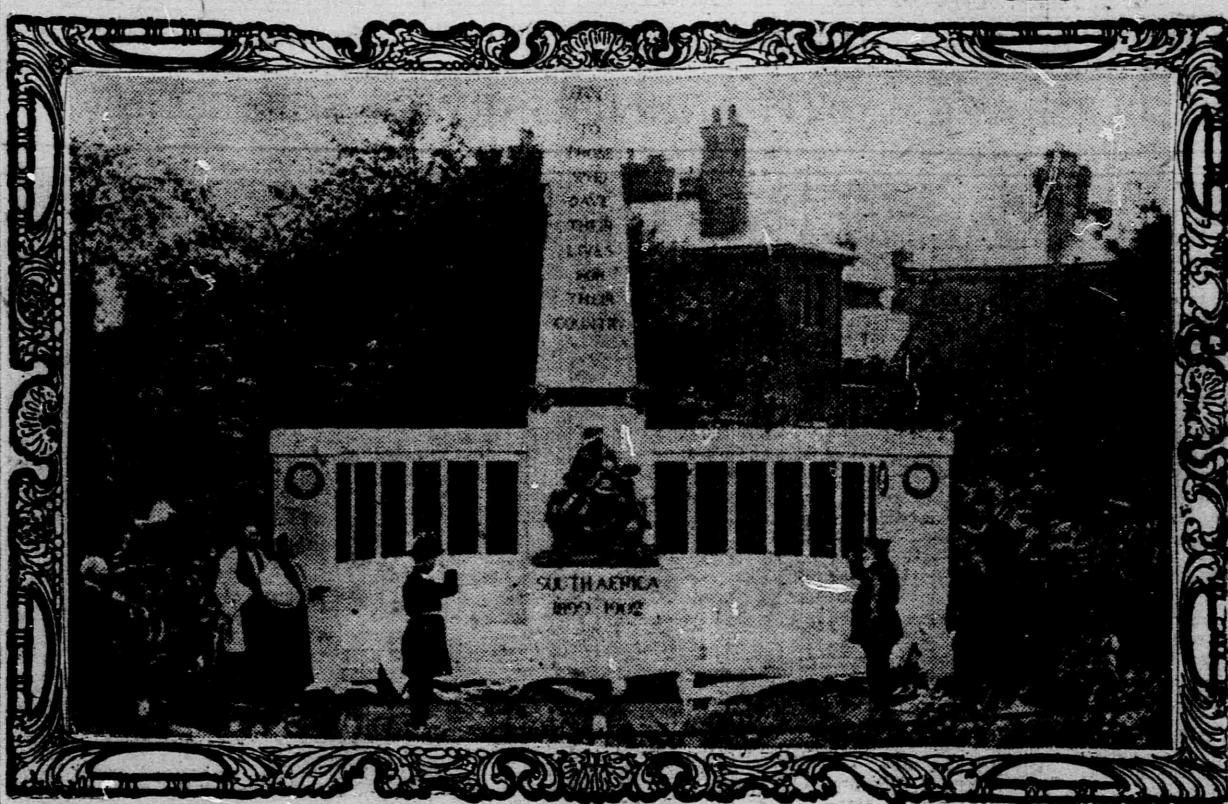
The only people who had a trying time were the police, for they say that the precautions taken to preserve the young King's life, owing to the incidents in Paris, were greater than for any other crowned head who has visited these shores.

The King of Spain certainly had the most unfortunate sample of English weather. Every day while he was in this country the rain continued to pour. A prominent personage who was expressing regret that he should not have had the opportunity of seeing that the sun can shine in England, said: "You know we have an old nursery rhyme, which runs, 'Rain, rain, go to Spain.' Instead of smiling at the saying, as might have been expected, the King's face became grave, and he said: 'I most sincerely wish it would.' The answer had in it much meaning, for a terrible drought has been prevalent this spring through Andalusia and Murcia, and appeals have been made to the government to help the peasantry and to provide relief on an extensive scale."

An Ancient Prophecy.

An ancient prophecy has been interpreted by one of the French newspapers, or, rather, a series of prophecies, on the

MONUMENT TO MEMORY OF ARMY SURGEONS



UNVEILED AT ALDEKSHOT, ENGLAND.

Tribute to the Three Hundred Who Were Killed in the Boer War. The King Is Standing on the Right of the Picture and the Archbishop of Canterbury on the Left.

Donna Elvira May Lose Reason From Shooting

Mysterious Attack Upon Her Lover Preys Upon the Mind of the Daughter of Don Carlos.

PARIS, June 24.—It is feared that Donna Elvira, the daughter of Don Carlos, the Spanish pretender, will lose her reason as a result of the mysterious shooting affair which so nearly killed her lover, the Italian painter, Signor Folchi, the other day.

As will be remembered, this lively young princess eloped with Folchi eight years ago, creating an international scandal and causing her father to disown her. The couple took up their residence at Florence, and the orgies and quarrels which took place in the villa which they rented were soon the talk of the town.

The other day a gentleman was passing along the Via Solferino when he

heard a pistol shot, followed by a woman's cry for help in the villa.

When he and a crowd of neighbors rushed in they found Signor Folchi lying on the floor bleeding from a shot through the left lung, which had barely missed his heart.

He was still conscious and insisted that the shooting was accidental, but the actions of Donna Elvira, who was crouching on the floor almost paralyzed with terror, belied this, and it is thought that after one of their usual quarrels she either attempted to kill her lover or he tried to commit suicide.

The police have so far not been able to learn the truth, but take no stock in the story told by the princess later that a Spanish Bourbon had tried to assassinate her lover.

fortunes of the kings of Spain, written by Father Rodriguez Sanchez, a monk of the Carmelite order in 1530.

Of King Alfonso XIII he says: "He will try in vain to unite himself in marriage to a princess of heretical blood. The house to which he belongs being very Christian, and having endured great sufferings in the person of one of its daughters from the kingdom to which he will be tempted to ally himself, he will not commit this crime."

It is evident that the kingdom alluded to is England, and the daughter of the House of Bourbon Henrietta Maria, the third daughter of Henri IV, wife of Charles I, beheaded in 1649.

This week when the great procession moved through London, as the carriage conveying the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and their daughters passed through the crowd, some one had the audacity to cry, "Three cheers for the future Queen of Spain," and found a very hearty response among the by-standers. It is evident that the King abroad that the King may commit this "crime."

Best Books for Prizes.

Much discussion has been going on lately as to what are the best books for school prizes.

I recently saw the list of books which the London county council had decided to omit, and when I read the names I was not wholly surprised. Burns, Poems, the Four Georges, Macaulay's Essays on Clive and Warren Hastings, the French-English and German-English dictionaries, De Quincy's Essays, and a dictionary on cookery.

The books to be added included some which I have never read, but with titles like "Wee Doggie," and "What Katie Did at School," which are probably far more in harmony with the taste of the young recipients. It is now proposed that the children shall themselves choose their own books from a publisher's list.

There is, however, another aspect to the question, and that is that a prize differs in a measure from any other book. It is not one necessarily to be read immediately by the child, but rather one that he keeps all his life, and for this reason it is perhaps well that it should be a book that would suit him at all ages.

The prizes, which seem to me to be entirely satisfactory, are the works of Shakespeare, Milton, Wordsworth, Thackeray, the lesser poets, Macaulay, and good translations of classics, with some of the works of our standard novelists.

Sale of Collection.

Enormous sums have been realized at the sale of Lord Tweedmouth's collection, and the largest prices were given for Raeburn, aptly called the Velasquez of Scotland.

On the death of the great painter the executor held a sale, and forty-nine of his most masterly portraits brought a total sum of £5,000.

Recently, one picture fetched the immense sum of 8,700 guineas, and when it was sold, the bidding commenced, so fine was the work that it was met with unreluctant cheering.

Few women have deserved more honor than the head of the Cheltenham Ladies' College, Miss Dorothy Beale. She has devoted her long life to the education of girls, and she and Miss Buss were among the pioneers of higher education for English women. Her best was recently unveiled by the dean of Durham, at Cheltenham College, on the occasion of the jubilee.

Miss Beale is found of recalling the peninsular verse written on one of the walls by an irreverent student, which runs as follows:

Miss Buss and Miss Beale Cupid's darts do not feel, So different from us, Miss Beale and Miss Buss.

Dr. Doyen's Studies.

Hundreds are eagerly following the studies of Dr. Doyen. It is just as well since Dr. Doyen introduced his serum

MISS HAMILTON TAKES SALSO MAGGIORE CURE

This Is Now the Popular Fad for Rich Americans Visiting Europe.

LONDON, June 24.—Lady Waterlow's sister, Miss Alice Hamilton, of San Francisco, has been, like many other Americans, taking the cure at Salsomaggiore, the fashionable Italian watering place.

With her party were the primrose of Ireland and his daughter, Miss Alexander. The primrose, Bishop Alexander, is considered one of the wisest and most charming clergymen of the day, and he and his daughter have much in common with Miss Hamilton, who is as clever as her sister, Lady Waterlow, and is well up in every subject in literature or art.

Lady Waterlow, by the way, is being ordered from one place to another by her physicians. She is still in a very weak state of health and her heart is still affected, but in spite of all her troubles she manages to see the countless friends who come to see her.

Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, is one of her constant visitors.

AUTOMOBILE THAT BURNS WOOD.

The impossibility of securing the necessary supplies of petroleum or gasoline made it obligatory upon the Belgian government, which recently decided to establish an automobile service in the Congo Free State, to adopt steam as a motor power. Coal could be secured in only limited quantities, and that near the seashore, wood was therefore, the only logical fuel, as it could be found everywhere.

The wood burning car weighs a ton and has a capacity of a ton, with a maximum speed of twelve miles an hour. Sheet steel wheels, with heavy pneumatic tires, are used. The fifteen-horse power engine is inclosed in a bullet-proof metal, as these cars are to be used in transporting troops to keep order in distant parts of the state, and are expected to be under fire at times. The water tank has a capacity sufficient for a twenty-five mile trip.

Philadelphia Record.

ROYAL WEAVER OF ROUMANIA



CARMEN SYLVA.

Unique picture of the Queen in the act of weaving, one of the old industries of the country, which the Queen is doing everything in her power to revive. The Queen wears a good many of the dresses woven by herself. She delights in Roumanian peasants' costumes.

British Army Scandals Will Undergo Probing

Royal Commission With Judicial Power to Sift Charges—House of Commons to Weigh Responsibility of Ministers.

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LONDON, June 24.—Scandal is the key word of the week in British politics.

Englishmen, without distinction of party, feel profoundly uncomfortable, even humiliated, by the reflection that despite a long procession of reforming war ministers and schemes of reconstruction, the British army still is exposed, under war pressure and for years afterward, to the grossest waste of public money, with a complete absence of the most ordinary business supervision. There also exists a strong presumption of personal corruption on the part of certain officers.

A royal commission, with semi-judicial powers, will sift the personal and general charges of corruption and mismanagement. Next week the House of Commons, at the instance of the Liberal leaders, sets itself to consider how far the ministers themselves are responsible.

Not that the Kaiser or his ministers have any particular objection to a change of system in Russia, but the report that the old kingdom of Poland is to be revived with the Czar as King of Poland, and that the Polish language is to be recognized on an equal footing with the Russian in Poland has filled the German government with fear.

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crush the Polish language and nowhere are the oppressors more hated.

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NEW AMERICANS IN A SCRAMBLE

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ACTRESS WAS "SURE DRAW"

Rich Hostesses Try Every Possible Means to Get Royalty Among Their Guests.

LONDON, June 24.—There is greater rivalry than ever among the newer American hostesses this season, and their perpetual "scramble" causes intense amusement to old-established royalty favorites, such as Consuela, Duchess of Manchester, and Lady Naylor Layland.

Mrs. Edgar Mills is one of the latest arrivals from Paris, and a very well-dressed and recent hostess is Mrs. John Gordon, whose first big musical party was a distinct success. She had Mme. Rejane to recite, and as all London worships the French actress, it was a "sure draw."

Those who cannot entertain the King as often as they like can usually secure Princess Christian, who is an indefatigable diner-out. Lady Cheylesmore (nee French) and Mme. Vaghi have both lately entertained the princess at luncheon.

Mrs. Glasgow is considered the handsomest American in town, but she has not gone so far beyond the American set in town.

Mrs. Potter Palmer is concentrating all her energies on Ascot races, and her large house party at Down Place on the Thames will be given in every day in the smartest equipages which can be procured in the neighborhood.

JEPHSONS TO ENTERTAIN IN NEW LONDON HOME

A Son Born to Wife of African Explorer—She Was a Miss Head, of California.

LONDON, June 24.—Mrs. Mountney Jephson, who, before marrying one of the heroes of the late Sir H. M. Stanley's famous African expedition, was Miss Anna Head, of San Francisco, has received an enormous number of letters congratulating her on the birth of a son.

The Jephsons have taken a fine house in Cadogan square, for the rest of the season. As soon as Mrs. Jephson is well enough they will be some entertaining in London, for the first time since their marriage.

Mrs. Addison Head will remain with her daughter until the autumn, when she returns for a short time to California. Meanwhile the Jephsons have taken a beautiful country house in Hampshire for August and September, where they will give a round of young people's house parties.

FORMER HOWARD STUDENT SUCCESSFUL AT HARVARD

Howard University is very proud of the success and distinction won at Harvard by J. A. Harley, one of its former students and graduates. In a recent contest at Cambridge Mr. Harley received several prizes. He is a native of the West Indies and received his early collegiate training at Howard University.

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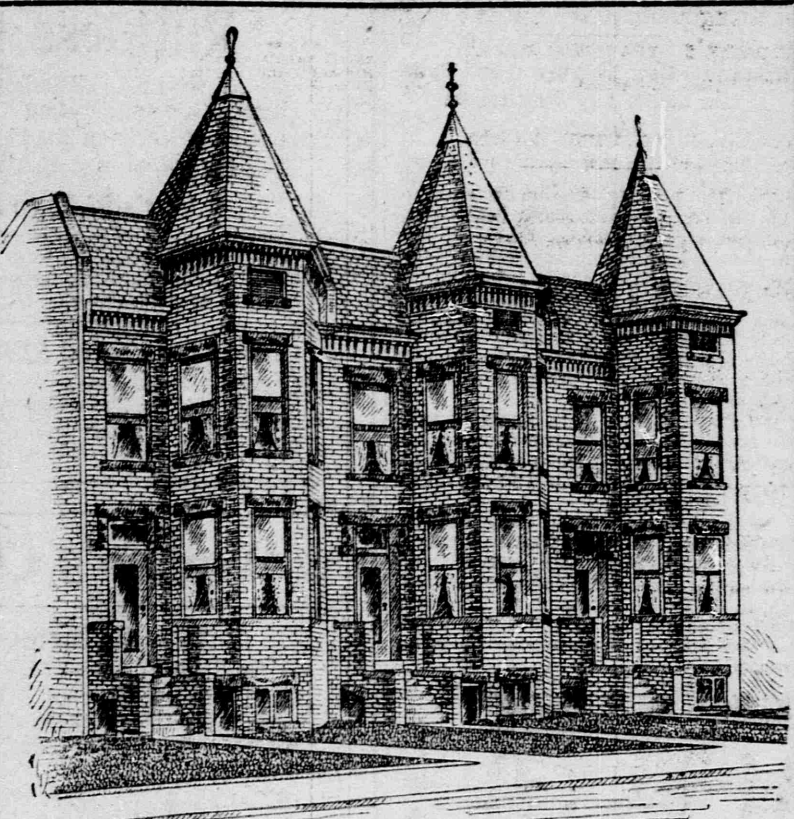
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